NORTH CAROLINA

TO HEAR EXCEPTIONS

Railroad Commissioners Will Hear the Protest of Railroad Companies Today.

AUDITOR AYER WAS INDIGNANT

Says no One But Himself Had Anys thing to do With Writing the Pops ulist Call for a Convention-Populisis Favor Senator Butter-Dr. Mott Confers With Gov. Russell.

Ralaigh, N. C., March 14.—(Special.)—Raliway Commissioners Caldwell and Pearson arrived yesterday. The former spent some time with the Governer, the coaled a meeting of the commissioners at noon to-day. It was studyd that this would be entirely for routine work.

this would be entirely for routibe work. To-morrow the commission will hear the exceptions of the three systems of railways to the reduced races of passenger fares. Your correspondent interviewed Commessioner Pearson about this matter. He said: It all depends up to the showing the nelways make tomorrow. No satisfie betweenes with have no influence with me. I do not know whad sort of a showing the roads will be able to make.

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Tendersay is also the time set for hearing the matter of reducing express rates on fish. The express officials notified the commissions they could not be present, but the fish dealers will be on hand. The express people will be given a hearing lader.

It is loarned that the new executive cherk to Governor Russell a stanged Pawka. He is a kinsman of the late Governor Fowley and also of Mrs. Pitzhigh Lee. He is quite a young man, and was here about a month ago.

A leading Republican was my informated that J. C. L. Harris made some suggestions regarding the call for a conference of Populists here day after to-morrow. Auditor Ayer is very angry at this statement, and wants to

for a conference of Populls's here day after to-morrow. Auditor Ayer is v ry angry at this statemora, and wants to find out who the informant is. He declares the latter to be "a contemptible liar." Ayes says be wrote the saldress, durried it around and obtained the signatures at the request of a conference, which was held be his office two wesks ago. He says further: "Nobody but myself and those who signed it ever saw is until it was issued." What makes him angry is the statement that Republicans are looking after Populis; politics.

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ment that Republicans are looking after Populist p Altes.
Dr. J. J. Mott, the well knews: Republican-Populist-free silver polacian, who is one of the sharpest in the State, came in yesterday and were immediately to the Governor's measion, where he and some others, whose cames he declined to given had a conference with Governor Russell. Dr. Mote declined to be interviewed, but said the mass of the Populists are with Senator Butler; ke fact, over seven-tenths of them. The neuro questor he repards as important, and believes that what he terms the "old arist-cratic element," could, if it would, manage the negro voice better than any other. He is a devoted friend of Governor Russell, and research betterly the Republican criticism of the latter.
V. S. Yusk, of Ashwellla passed here yesterday on his way cast to try to procure more evidence to defeat H. G. Ewact's confirmation as fudge.

The Washington Post, in the almonths ago, classed as a Republican But the Post almonae ignores Auditor Ayer centrely enterpolation as a Republican But the Post almonae ignores Auditor Ayer centrely

classed as a Republican But the IVst almacae ignores Auditor Ayer crairely. It park down J. Ruffin Henderson as Auditor. Henderson is the Republican who was nominated for Auditor, but who was paid \$200 by the Republican State Committee to withdraw in favor of Ayer. cof Ayer.

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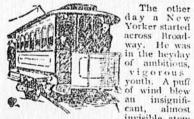
There was a good rain, greatly and d. What amounted to a difeight had begun. So far the year his been very

dry, indeed.

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Judge Purcell says he hopes Ewart Judge Purcell says he hopes Ewart will soon be confirmed as United States judge; as otherwise, tr. For the provisions of section 803 of the Revised Starbutes, it will be his duty to brid the courts in the Western District, until a judge 4s appointed and confirmed.

Under the natural order of things the



The other way. He was of ambitious, cant, almost invisible atom

invisible atom of dust in one of his eyes. It blinded him. He clasped his hands over his eyes and staggered on, only to be run down and killed by a cable car. That man's death was due to an insignificant trifle, an atom of dust that was barely visible under the microscope. It is thus with health. Men find that they are suffering from a trifling disorder of the digestion. It doesn't amount to anything, they think, and time is precious. They don't stop to and time is precious. They don't stop to correct it, but stagger blindly on and are run down in the heyday of ambitious youth by death.

Neglected indigestion is the first cause of all manner of wasting diseases and all forms of nervous disorders. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures all disorders of the digestion. It invigorates the liver, imparts a keen, hearty appetite and causes the life-giving elements of the food to be perfectly assimilated. It purifies the blood and builds healthy tissue. It is the great blood-maker, flesh-builder, and nerve tonic. It cures consumption, wasting diseases and all disorders of the nerves. Neglected indigestion is the first cause

"I was a sufferer five or six years from indices-tion," writes B. F. Molmes, of Gaffney, Spartan-burg Co., S. C., "also from sore stomach and constant headache. I then ust. I br. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Pleasant Pellets,' which in a few days gave me permanent relief."

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contempt case against A. B. Accdrews, H. W. Miller and J. B. Munson, of the Southern rallway, for ridusal to an-swer questions of the Rallway Oun-mission, comes up to-morrow. It is quite broadly hinted that Governor Rus-

sell does not at present desire this matter to be pressed. The admirable report of the Commis-sioner of Labor Statisties was sent to

estener of Labor Statistics was sent to the presses of the State to-day.

The Superior Court judge here con-firms the sale of the phosphate prop-erty at Castle Hayne to W. H. Chad Dairda.

There are ninety applications of com-panies for admission into the State

panies for admission into the State Guard. As soom as a call for troops is made the necessary number will be made out of these applications, such d the present companies recruiting to

If there is Congressional fusion of Re-publicans and Populists, it is declared hat Stroud and Sherford will not be

publicans and Popullsts, it is declared that Stroud and Sherford will not be elected. If renominated, as they coa't get Republicans works. Republicans simply say they will not vote for either. It is no secret that John Nichols desires the Republican nomination for Congress from this district.

The committation made on the proposed lease of the Atlantic ad Nonrth Carolina railway at 2½ per cent, interest on stock and bonds, that it is far better chain those to W. J. Best years ago. The latter was for only two per cent, interest on the bonds. The lease to Rest, who was son irresponsible adventurer, was thought to be a great thing.

News reached here yesterday that George L. Meston, the able commander of North Carolina's division of Naval Reserves, had gone to Washington, upon summers, for a conference with the Secretary of the Navy.

ELIZABETH CITY.

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 14.— (Special)—Several local members of the base left to-day to attend Camdon

(Special)—Several local members of the beat left to-day to attend Camded Court.

The Arnoid-Welles players arrived this morning and will open this week's organization at Leasy's new operations to-night.

The usual Sunday services were held at all the churches yesterday.

The schooner Jay Blades unboaded a large cargo of humber here to-day.

The first sound of traisle in Lowry's new operations was heard on Saturday afternoon, the performer being Prof. J. L. Pandloton.

The tug Seaboard, of New York behand for Key West, Florida, came into this port yesterday to take on coal

coal

Edoctor, N. C., March H.—(Special.)
—Mr. C. B. Elliots is making preparations for the erection of a nice residence on the lot which he recently pur-

dence on the lot which he recently purforced of Mr. J. A. Wilkerson.
Contractor Spruill has secured the
contract to build a handsome dwelling on Granville street.

John and Chirile Jenes were before
octing Macor Bond this coorning for
fighters and were taxed \$8.

Mr. P. L. Rou, of Mackey's Ferry, is
in town this morning.

Miss Margurot Hallowell, of Elizabeth City, is here on a visit to the faurity of Mr. H. Coffield, on Broad street.

A colored woman was put in juil
this morning for disorderly conduct on
the street.

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Hertford, N. C., March 14.—(Special.) -Mr. Harry Griffin was in town the

-Mr. Harry Griffin was in town the past week.

Mr. Geo. Baker and in fown visiting his mother this week.

The B. Y. P. U. was postponed yesterday afternoon till to-sight. Services were held at all the churches yesterday.

There was a heavy rain this morning, From this were plentiful in the market yesterday. The price of herrings went from 20c, for dozen to 12c. They dearled a 18c, and 20c, in the market geatred a 18c, and 20c, in the morning and down to 12c, in the afternoon. At hight they went to 15c, CONTRACTOR STATE OF THE STATE O

Colored Chantilly laces are also a novelty. They are admirable in gray, green, pink and other lues, as well as in white and black, and are shown in both edgings and inser-tions. A most tasteful yet quiet trimming could be arranged for a gray moiré Renais-sance with gray Chantilly lace over ivery-white satin—this season preferred to dead-

An exquisite trimming available for evening gowns consists of a white chiffor band with deep black Chantilly lace at one or both edges, the design being a bow-knot. Epau-lettes and all sorts of bodice draperies and skirt frills are arranged with this delicate imming. Covert cloth with colored backs appeal to

Covert cloth with colored tacks appeal to almost all tastes. New combinations are even thus early shown in these cloths for present and Spring wear. Among them are stone-gray with a bright-red back which enlivens the dull-hued surface; reseda with an emerald back; a cadet surface with an orange under surface; golden-brown with bright-green; sage with a watermelon-pink back, and gray with a rose under surface.

Either a full back or a regulation basque
back may be adopted for a Russian basque
revealing a full yest between pouch fronts.

The blouse effect is admirably produced in a surplice waist, lengthened, like most blouses, with a peplum. The fulness in the sleeves takes the form of deep folds at the ten.

A revers varying the pouch front of a Russian waist may extend to the bust or

Russian wast may extend to the bust or waist-line, according to preference.

Decidedly English m its aspect is an all-black hat made of a soft felt plateau very deep at the back and sloping not unlike an Amazon m front. A lace veil is draped around the hat most artistically, and at the left side in disposed a black tip of generous size, its stem being fastened with a Rhive-time him, which provides the calls its effect. stone pin, which provides the only bit of brightness.—From The Delineator.

Having discovered that they cannot secure the withdrawal of Lee, the Spanlards have come to the conclusion

IN THE COCADE CITY

A Graphic Letter from the Scene of the Maine Disaster.

WRITTEN BY A SAILOR AT KEY WEST

Rev. A. J. Fristoe Resigns as Pasto: of the Second Baptist Church-Rite of Confirmation Administered-Trunk and Bag Company Charters ed-Ammunition Passing Through

Petersburg, Va., March H.—(Special.)
—A gentleman of this city has received a letter from one of the scallers aboard one of the battleships off Key West, in which he says to part: "I chink the naval board of inquiry will find that the cause of the explosion was, as the papers have stated, from the outside, if they have not asceptained the cause by this time they rever will, as the whole ship is being covered by the soft mud at the diction. She is staking a foot each day. I don't chick you will ever see her affond again. Our divers are still working on her, but the bodies are in such a bad state that they cannot be identified. * * We have set thad any divine service ice a mooth. We are all getting thed of remaining here in one place. There is not much to eat here except fish. Our whole craw are fishing each afternoors, and some We eat here except fish. Our whole craw are fishing each afternoors, and some large fish are cought, but we are sick of fish now. The four small ships are in the transer harbor, and all of them are couled, but I hope the department will not send any of them to Havama, as I think it would be a findish thing to do set this time. I am glad to see there is much postriotism left in our people, and that they are united this time. I hope they will not be satisfied with a small indemnity. It should be for a sum old Spain cannot pay, and we should swipe everything they have un-

sum old Spain cassnot pay, and we should swipe everything they have until we are satisfied."

At the moreing service at the Sectual Baptist church yesterday the Rev. D. I. Fristoe, who, as stated in this correspondence, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Central Baptist church in Chattanooga, Texas, tendered his resignation to his congregation, which was excepted. The resignation takes effect on April 10th taxi.

Bishop Randolph preached and admire

on April 19th 36X.

Bishop Randolph preached and 3dm'sistered she rite of confirmation at Grace
church yesterday mossing to thirty percourse yesterday measuring to thirty persons. Among those confirmed was Mr. Samuel H. Marks, who, a few days ago, calebrated his 96th birthday. At night the bish-up preached and confirmed a class of eight persons at the church of the Gotd Shepherd Memorial to Bland-

The regular monthly meeting of the

ford.

The regular monthly meeting of the Baptist Sunday school Unice. Association was held eat the Baptist church at Efficiely, Chesterfield county, yes/erday afternoon. The reports submitted showed the schools to be in a good condition. A meeting of all the Epworth Leagurs of Petersburg will be held at Markig Street M. E. church to-smorrow night for the purpose of perfecting and Markig Street M. E. church to-smorrow night for the purpose of perfecting and Epworth League Union.

Judge J. M. Mullen, of the Hustlings Court this morning grasted a charter of incorporation to the Virgicia Truest and Fag dampa v. The purposes for which the company is formed is the manufacture and sale of trunks, travelling bags, valles, satchels, boxes, novelles, and all other articles that each he manufactured of word, leather, paper or other substances. The capital stock of the company is to be not less than \$10,000, nor more than \$25,000, divided up into shares of \$100 cach, and real estate to the value of not ever \$20,000 is to be held at acts one time. The officers for the first year care H. L. Plummer, Jr., president: Charles D. Witherspoon, szeretary cond treasurer. Directors, H. L. Plummer, Jr., Thomas H. Woody, C. D. Witherspoon, Augustus Wright and L. F. Fuqua. Witherspoon, Augustus Wright and L.

F. Fuqua.
Four car locals of munitions of war, theluding two large cancer; passed through Prefersburg last night, over the Athentic Const Likes for some point in Florida.
Judge Mullen to-day appointed Messrs. T. S. Berkwith, P. C. Hoy, M. L. Heartson, Bartlett Roper and Robert W. Dallaven commissioners to assess damages in the condemnation cases of the Richmand, Petersburg and Carolina Rails and company, against the Southside Magnafacturing company, the upper Appointance of the Richmand, Petersburg and Carolina Rails and company, against the Southside Magnafacturing company, the upper Appointance of the Richmand several individual parties. These commissioners will meet to the 16th Instant at the office of the Southwest Manufacturing company.

SHIPPING NEWS.

(Concluded from Seventh Page.)

Stmp, Leonora, Rotterdam, Schr, C. F. Baker, Boston, Stmp, Sature, Boston, Barge Macaulay, B ston, Bark Medora, Cadiz,

FOREIGN PORTS

Cardiff, March 12.-Sailed: Dorset, cardin, March 12.—Sailed: Dorset, Dozaich, March 13.—Sailed: Herrogate. Pensacola Antwerp, March 11.—Arrived: Iris, layananah. Hamburg, March 10.—Sailed: Flens-

ourg, Norfolk. Harwick, Merch 12.-Sailed, Strath-

Harwick, March 12.—Salied, Strach-leven, Norfolk, Bremen, March 13.—Salled, Lomas, Newport News, Liverpool, March 13.—Salled, St. Fillans, Brunswick

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

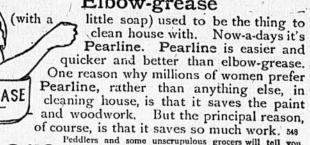
NOTICE TO MARINERS.

San Francisco Harbor Light Vessel No. 70.—Notice is hereby given chat ers or about April 7th, 1898, steam Light Vessel No. 70 will be ostablished, in from 18 to 20 fathoms of water, 2bout 4½ miles outside of the bar off the entracze to San Francisco harber, 12½ miles SW.3¼W. from Font Point Light house, and on the range line marked by Fort Point light and Alcatraz light.

The vessel will show, simultaneously from three lens kenterns encircling each masthead, a fixed white light for five seconds, followed by on eclipse of ten seconds' duration.

In each lens lantern there will be a

In each lens lantern there will be a In each lens lantern there will be a 100-catalle-power lineard scent electric light. The focal plane of the lights will be 57 fest above the sea, and the lights will be visible 13 miles in clear weather, the observer's eye 15 fect above the sea. The vessel has a flush deck, two masts, schooner rigged, and has no laysport; she has a smekestack and a fog signal between the masts. At each mosthead, under the lens lacaterns, Elbow-grease



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there is a circular gallery. The hull is painted red, with "San Francisco Harbor" 4 large white letters on each side, and "70" in white on each bow. During thick or flaggy weather a 12-inch steam chime whistle will souch blasts of two seconds duration secret. blasts of two seconds' duration, sep rated by silent intervals of 13 seconds

GREASE

duration.

The approximate geographical position of the vessel, as taken from chan' No. 5,581 of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, is: Latitude, north, 27 degrees, 44 minutes, 27 seconds; Fongitude (west 122 degrees, 43 minutes, 60 seconds. Begrings of prominent objects from the préposed position of the vessea, as taken from the above nonded chart, are: Bordia Point Lighthouse, NE. ½E.; Cliff Flouse, NE. by E. ½E., casterly; Ocean Side House, ENE. 5½E., casterly; Tangeng' to Ballonas Point, N. by W.¾W.

casterly; Tangene to Ballonas Point, N. by W. W.
San Francisco Outside Bar Whistling Buoy.—On the steme date this buoy,
black and white perpendicular stripes,
and marked 'S. F.," located about 2½
miles NE. ME. from the proposed positions of the vessel, will be permanently
discontinued.

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Bearings are magnetic and given approximately; miles are nautical miles.

A STYLISH DRESS, CON-SISTING OF A RUS-SIAN SHIRT-WAIST AND A FOUR-GORED SKIRT.

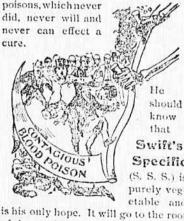
The never ending interest in dress keeps designers ever on the alert to devise nove and becoming modes and the variations of the Russian style have certainly much to commend them. The dress illustrated con-



sists of a Russian shirt-waist and a fourgored skirt. The mode is taken from the
last number of The Delineator. The material selected for the dress is a new shade
of blue cioth with a lustrons surface and
the decoration increases the beauty of the
whole, insertion, lace edging and ginabeing combined. The waist is covered in
lattice style with the insertion and closes in
correct Russian fashion at the left side under
a frill of lace edging. A belt of velvet surrounds the waist, being closed with a handsome buckle, and the side-front seams of the
four-gored skirt are covered with gimp and
lace edging put on in frill style. The skirt
has a moderate flare at the bottom and falls
in full folds at the back.

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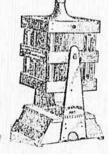
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BY VIRTUE OF THE FOLLOWING Deceded to trust, we shall proceed to sell at public acution on MONDAY, the 21st day of March 1838, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Norfolk county courthouse door the following property, to-wit:

13t—LOT WITH IMPROVEMENTS, near city of Portsmouth, in Norfolk county-to-with street extended, and known as lot No. 16 according to M. L. Tabb's plan, recorded with the deed of said Tabb to Jno. 8. Stubbs and J. C. Neville. Deed of trust made by Zacharlah Taylor and ux, dated the 29th day of October, 1835, and of record in the Clerk's Office of Norfolk county court in D. H. 185, p. 375.

2nd—LOT WITH IMPROVEMENTS, in Norfolk county, Va., and designated as lot No. 62, 1vy street, on the plat of the Campostella lots of F. Richardson, Deed of trust made by Sarah Ash et al., dated March 23d, 1897, and of record in said Clerk's office in D. B. 208, page 29.

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